

REMARKS

This Amendment is supplemental to the Request for Reconsideration filed on August 28, 2009. Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 20-22 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 11, 13, and 21 are in independent form. Claims 1, 11, 13, and 21 have been amended to define the Applicant's invention more clearly. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Initially, the Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interviews held on October 23 and 28, 2009 to discuss independent Claim 1, U.S. Pat. No. 5, 77,624 (*Enari*) and U.S. Pat. No. 6,556,627 (*Kitamura*).

During the Interview, Applicant's attorney discussed Claim 1 to clarify that the instruction unit provides an instruction to start a recording of the encoded image signal, where the instruction is detected when a frame of a picture group is an interframe-encoded picture. Claims 1, 11, 13, and 21 have been amended accordingly.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for the this Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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